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I KNEW BY THE TIME I WAS  
EIGHT YEARS OLD I COULDN'T  
TRUST ADULTS.

SNORKF.



BY THIRD GRADE PETER HOWITZER HAD BULLIED ME FOR YEARS.

HORCK!

AAIEEEEE~

AFTER HE CHIPPED A PERMANENT TOOTH I FINALLY TOLD THE PRINCIPAL--



HOROKK!

--ASKED HIM TO NOT NAME ME.



WHICH HE DID ANYWAY.

TWIRP



THE NEXT DAY PETER FOUND ME AT THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

GRAB SOMETHING!

HE PUSHED MY FACE INTO THE METAL SPIGOT--



WHEN I GOT HOME DAD CLEANED UP MY FACE--

--TOLD ME IT WASN'T MY FAULT--



RHORCK!

--PEOPLE TAKE COMFORT IN VICTIMIZING OTHERS--

--ELEVATING THEIR SENSE OF POWER AND SELF-WORTH.

DAD SAID I COULDN'T  
TRUST ANY BUREAUCRAT--

NO--!

HOOF--!

--THEY'D JUST FOLLOW  
THEIR GUIDELINES.

WHICH PRINCIPAL  
SWIMS HAD.

HOROKK!

DAD TAUGHT ME THE ONLY  
WAY TO SEE ANYTHING DONE  
RIGHT IN THIS WORLD--

IS TO TAKE IT INTO  
MY OWN HANDS.



HE TOOK ME  
TO KARATE--

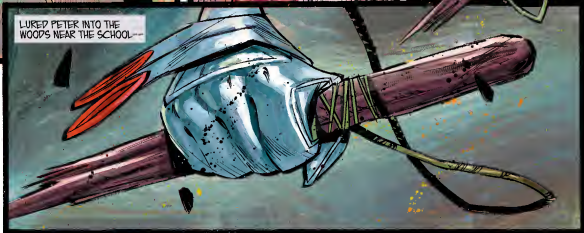
EHRAH--!

--OUR SECRET FROM MOM.

AND EVENTUALLY WE  
COOKED UP A NEAT PLAN.



LURED PETER INTO THE  
WOODS NEAR THE SCHOOL--



I HIT HIM UNTIL  
HE CRIED.



SKREEE

TIED HIM TO  
A TREE--



--HE WAS MY HERO.

HORROOK!



HOR-  
OKK!

AND IT WASN'T UNTIL HE  
DIED THAT I REALIZED--



--I NEVER  
TOLD HIM.

HREEEE~!



AND NOW IT'S  
TOO LATE.

AAHH~!





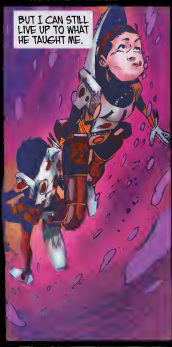


SHIT--!



MY DAD'S DEAD.

SPLASH



BUT I CAN STILL LIVE UP TO WHAT HE TAUGHT ME.



XOFF  
XOFF

I CAN STILL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

I CAN STILL MAKE HIM PROUD.

W-WHERE ARE WE?

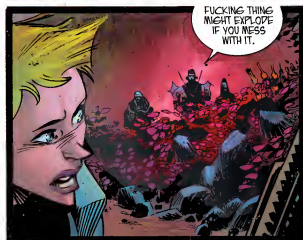
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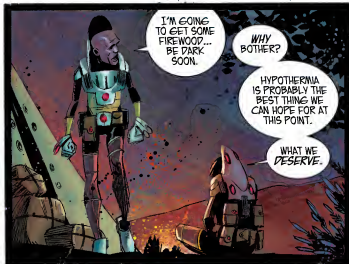
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AFTER THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS--WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT ANYTHING THAT COMES OF THIS GOD DAMNED MACHINE CAN BE GOOD?!



IF WE SURVIVE, IF WE TAKE THIS THING BACK WITH US SOMEHOW--

--WHAT STOPS ALL OF THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN?

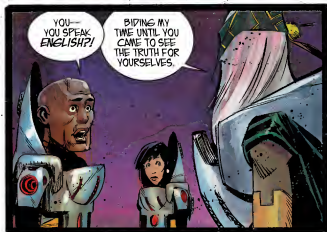


WE DIDN'T BUILD HOPE-- WE BUILT PANDORA'S BOX.

YOU ARE RIGHT.

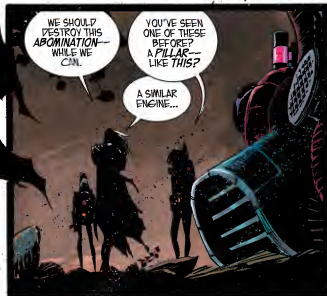


IT IS BLACK SCIENCE.



YOU-- YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?!

BIDDING MY TIME UNTIL YOU CAME TO SEE THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELVES.



WE SHOULD DESTROY THIS ABOMINATION-- WHILE WE CAN.

YOU'VE SEEN ONE OF THESE BEFORE? A PILLAR-- LIKE THIS?

A SIMILAR ENGINE...

"IT WAS A TIME OF DESPERATION  
FOR MY PEOPLE.

"WE HAD BEEN FIGHTING  
AGAINST A GREAT EVIL THAT HAD  
DESCENDED UPON OUR LANDS.

"AND WE WERE LOSING.

"THE WHITE MAN HAD WEAPONS  
BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING,  
THEIR VERY PRESENCE SENDING  
PLAGUES AMONG US.

"THEY TOOK OUR LAND  
AND SLAUGHTERED OUR  
PEOPLE LIKE DOGS.

"WE SUFFERED GRAVE  
DEFEATS, OUR NUMBERS  
DECIMATED...

"...WE HAD NO HOPE  
OF SURVIVAL.

"NO HOPE UNTIL  
IT CAME.

"ONE DAY, RETURNING FROM  
A DISASTROUS BATTLE...

"...OUR FATE WOULD BE  
FOREVER CHANGED.



"A TRAVELER, LIKE YOURSELVES,  
CRASHED INTO MY RAIDING  
PARTY.

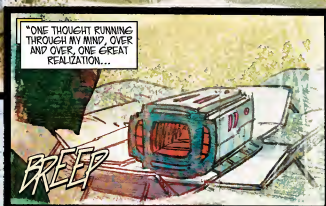
"SOME BELIEVED THIS WAS  
ANOTHER WEAPON OF THE WHITE  
MAN, COME TO HUNT US DOWN.



"AT FIRST WE COULD  
ONLY LOOK ON IN AWE AS  
THE TRAVELER WORKED.



"ONE THOUGHT RUNNING  
THROUGH MY MIND, OVER  
AND OVER, ONE GREAT  
REALIZATION...

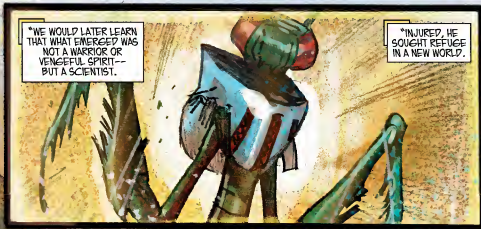


"THIS CREATURE  
POSSESSED  
POWERFUL MAGIC.



"WE WERE IN THE  
PRESENCE OF  
A GOD.

"WE WOULD LATER LEARN  
THAT WHAT EMERGED WAS  
NOT A WARRIOR OR  
VENGEFUL SPIRIT—  
BUT A SCIENTIST.



"INJURED, HE  
SOUGHT REFUGE  
IN A NEW WORLD.

"A CONFLICT HAD  
BROUGHT HIM HERE—

—HIS FAMILY LOST  
IN THE STRUGGLE.

"SADLY, AS YOU  
NOW KNOW—



"---FATE IS NOT KIND  
TO SUCH TRAVELERS.



"AFTER OUR SLAUGHTER AT  
THE HANDS OF FOREIGNERS...



"...WE MISTRUSTED ALL  
THINGS UNKNOWN.



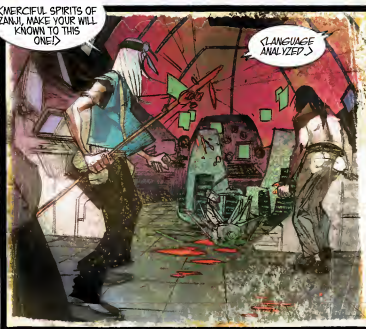
"I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO  
INVESTIGATE THE CRAFT...

"...TO MEDIATE WITH WHATEVER  
GOD POSSESSED IT.



<MERCIFUL SPIRITS OF  
ZANJI, MAKE YOUR WILL  
KNOWN TO THIS  
ONE!>

<LANGUAGE  
ANALYZED.>



<HOW  
MIGHT  
I SERVE  
YOU?>

"THE STRANGE GOD TOLD US THAT  
IT WOULD OBEY OUR COMMANDS,  
HAVING LOST ITS PREVIOUS MASTERS.



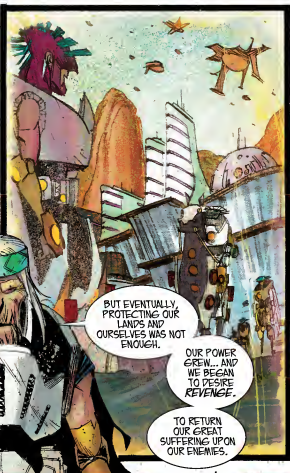




"IT OPENED DOORWAYS TO OTHER WORLDS, ACQUIRING FOR US WHATEVER WE DESIRED."

"FOOD, MEDICINE—  
WEAPONS."

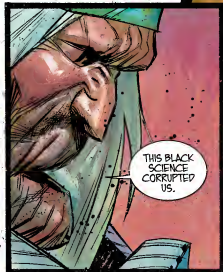
"THE PILLAR GOD  
SAVED MY PEOPLE."



BUT EVENTUALLY,  
PROTECTING OUR  
LANDS AND  
OURSELVES WAS NOT  
ENOUGH.

OUR POWER  
GREW... AND  
WE BEGAN  
TO DESIRE  
REVENGE.

TO RETURN  
OUR GREAT  
SUFFERING UPON  
OUR ENEMIES.



THIS BLACK  
SCIENCE  
CORRUPTED  
US.



YOUR PILLAR HAS KILLED  
FIVE OF YOUR OWN,  
ENDANGERING YOU  
WITH EACH NEW  
WORLD.

PERHAPS THE DEVICE  
DOES NOT JUMP AS  
RANDOMLY AS YOU  
SUSPECT.

THAT'S NOT  
POSSIBLE.



HOW  
CAN YOU  
BE SURE?

BECAUSE  
I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
SABOTAGED  
IT!

I DIDN'T DO  
IT TO TRAP OR KILL  
ANYONE—I JUST  
WANTED TO GET  
RIP OF MCKAY'S  
TIME BOMB!

I WANTED  
TO SAVE—



YOU THINK YOU'RE A FUCKING HERO?!

KRAP



TWOKK

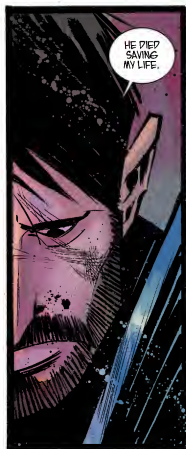
YOU MURDERED GRANT!



CALM DOWN.

I TOLD YOU A DOZEN TIMES-- I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE!

HE DIED...



HE DIED SAVING MY LIFE.



BULLSHIT!

WHEN WE LANDED, THE FIRST THING YOU DID WAS TAKE THAT GUN OFF OF NATE!

NOT EVEN A THOUGHT TO CONSOLING HIM!

TOO WORRIED ABOUT HIM GETTING REVENGE--TOO WORRIED ABOUT SAVING YOUR OWN ASS.



I'VE MADE MISTAKES...

...CAUSED ALL OF THIS.

JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE'S AN ASSHOLE, DOESN'T MAKE THEM A CALCULATED MURDERER.



WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE A FUCKING THING YOU SAY?

BECAUSE I JUST PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE TO SAVE ALL OF YOURS.



BUT YOU DIDN'T SAVE ALL OF OUR LIVES, DID YOU?



"DAD TAUGHT ME YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY PUT WHEN YOU'RE LOST, PIA..."



...WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO FIND YOU.

AND WHO'S GOING TO LOOK FOR US?

DAD'S WHORE OR THE PIECE OF SHIT WHO KILLED HIM?

AND THERE'S NO WAY SHAWN THINKS WE SURVIVED THAT FALL.



WE'RE NOT GOING TO DIE, NOT HERE.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE MOM TO SPEND THE REST OF HER LIFE WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO US.



WE STILL HAVE TIME TO FIND THEM.

THE PILLAR DOESN'T JUMP FOR LIKE THREE DAYS.



HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND THEM? I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHERE WE ARRIVED...

TOO BUSY RUNNING FROM KADIR.

HE GRABBED THE GUN... I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.



EVERYONE HAD TO CHASE AFTER ME... I WAS SO STUPID.

NO ONE COULD BLAME YOU FOR RUNNING.

STAYING WITH THAT KILLER WOULD HAVE BEEN STUPID.



I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE DAD'S GONE.

IT JUST WON'T SINK IN.

SPENT SO MANY YEARS BEING MAD AT HIM FOR NOT BEING AROUND, I JUST GOT USED TO IT.



I ALWAYS ASSUMED SOME TIME WOULD COME... SOME TIME WE COULD SPEND TOGETHER, SOME TIME WHEN I'D BE HIS PRIORITY.



HE WOULDN'T WANT US TO DIE OUT HERE. HE WOULD WANT US TO KEEP MOVING.



YOU SAVED MY LIFE, NATE. SAVED US BOTH.

YOU'RE A TOUGH KID. I SEE IT EVEN IF—

GRON, RAO-NOP—!





SHIT!

GRADUW  
DORJ'EN.



WHAT ARE  
WE GOING  
TO DO IF—

QUIET!



GROM-  
TU-LAR.

TU-RO  
WEN.



KRUCH HWOOV  
KUN TEN. LEE  
OPP DAKUF  
DEEDH.





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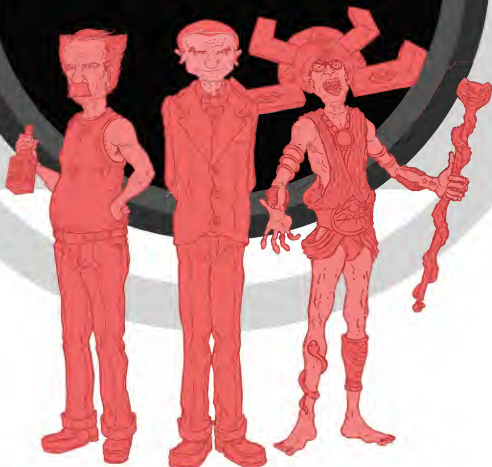
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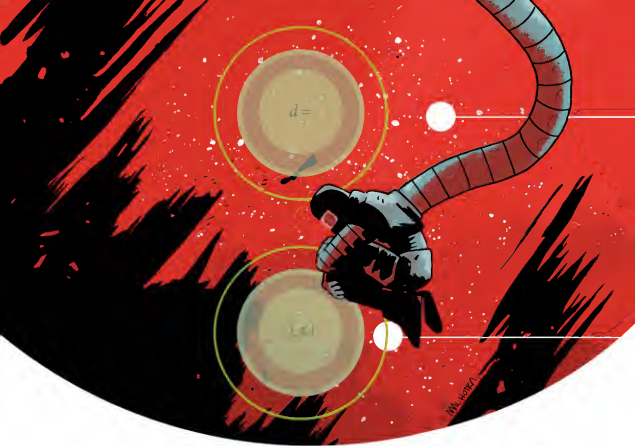
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**WHAT COULD GO WRONG?**



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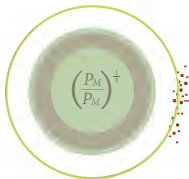
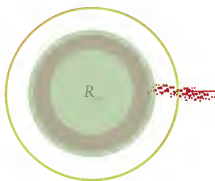


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